Depositors defrauded by Auditya Finance Co.

3941. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of (he Government have been drawn to a report published in the Indian Express, Delhi of 15th June, 1987 about depositors having been defrauded of Rs. 14 crore by "Auditya Finance Co." with branches all over India;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to arrest the culprits and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether he has received any communication from a Member of Parliament also in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Government have seen the press report appearing in the In-di'an Express of 15.6.1987.

(b) Government of Karnataka have reported that on receipt of compIaints regarding large scale frauds perpetrated en depositors and employees by M/s. Auditya Fin'ance and Investment (India) Ltd. in Karnataka and elsewhere, the Director General and Inspector General of Police of Karnataka ordered and enquiry which is not yet completed. It has also been imported that the Police have arrested some Managers and employees, including an Executive Director of the company. Some property belonging to the company has also been seized.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Apprehension of smuggling of India's nuclear items by Pakistan

3942. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

('a) whether there are apprehensions of Pak attempts to smuggle out of the country Indian nuclear items, in view of the recent revealations of such attempts by Pakistanis in Europe and USA; if so, what action has been taken to prevent such smuggling; and

(b) whether Government propose to ban all nuclear related items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) There has been no instance of Pakistani attempts to smuggle any nuclear item from lndia.

(b) Under the Atomic Energy Act (1962), export, import and possession of nuclear items are regulated by Government,

Ternnrarion of service of corrupt Government servants

3943. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration for terminating the services of those Government employees against whom serious charges of corruption or negligence of duty have been proved;

(b) if so, what steps 'are being taken in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue similar guidelines to State Governments?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): to (c) Government servants charged with any misconduct, including corruption or negligence of duty. are proceeded against under the relevant disciplinary rules and, if found guilty, one of the prescribed penalties, which include, *inter alia,* compulsory retirement, removal or dismissal from service is imposed. A specific provision has been made recently in the Central Cvil Services (Classification. Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965, applicable to the Central Civil Servants that in every case, in which the charge of acceptance from any person of any gratification other than legal remuneration as a motive or reward for doing or forbearing to do any official act is established, the penalty of removal or